

Update on Global Developments in Nuclear Energy

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Status of nuclear energy in the world





• 62 reactors under construction in 15 countries (Egypt, Turkey and Bangladesh as newcomers)



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COP28 – Triple nuclear pledge



- 22 countries endorsed a pledge recognising the key role of nuclear energy in achieving global net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all)
- . The pledge includes:
 - Commitment to advancing a global aspirational goal of tripling nuclear energy capacity from 2020 by 2050;
 - Commitment to mobilize investments in nuclear power; Invite shareholders of the World Bank, international financial institutions, and regional development banks to encourage the inclusion of nuclear energy in their lending policies as needed;
 - Commitment to supporting the development and construction of nuclear reactors, such as SMRs, for power generation as well as industrial applications for decarbonization;
 - Recognize the importance of extending the lifetimes of NPPs as appropriate;
 - Commitment to supporting responsible nations looking to explore new civil nuclear deployment under the highest standards of safety, sustainability, security, and non-proliferation.
- 25 endorsing countries: Armenia, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ghana, Hungary, Jamaica, Japan, Republic of Korea, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom, United States
- April 2024: First global nuclear summit at Head of State level
- April 2024: G7 nations commit to support the use of nuclear energy in countries that choose to use it



North America





Europe



United Kingdom

- Old fleet retiring
- British Energy Security Strategy released in Jan 2024 establishes government ambition for tripling current nuclear capacity by 2050
- New builds: Hinkley Point C; Sizewell C; Bradwell B?
- Great British Nuclear

Belgium

- Life extension plans for existing fleet (Doel 5 and Tihange 3)
- SMR plans

France

- 62% of total electricity generated from 56 reactors
- Pledge from President Macron in Feb 2022 to build 14 new reactors, immediate goal of six new EPR-1 reactors by 2035
- Commercialising SMR design

Countries with Nuclear Power

Countries Introducing or Actively Considering Nuclear Power



- Dec 2021 announcement by Dutch Government to build two reactors by 2035
- Borssele site announced as preferred location in Dec 2022
- Westinghouse contracted to conduct feasibility study in Feb 2024

U.K.



Slovenia

Belgium

France

- · Referendum to take place in 2024 re proposed new JEK2 NPP
- Awarded US funding in Feb 2024 under "Project Phoenix" for SMR deployment prefeasibility study

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- Legislation introduced in 2024 removing reactor cap. National coordinator for nuclear expansion appointed
- Plans for 2 large reactors by 2035 and up to 10 new reactors
- Initial phase of US-funded ("Project Phoenix") feasibility study for deployment of SMRs
- Oct 2024 grant from US NEXT for SMR site selection
- Indicative 2035 SMR deployment timeline
- 2 operating Candu units
- 2 Candu units to be completed
- NuScale SMR project; US Exim funding granted in Oct 2024
- IGA signed in Feb 2024 with USA to cooperate on the development of Bulgaria's civil nuclear programme, including new units at Kozloduy NPP

Africa





Middle East / Central Asia





Asia and Southeast Asia





Key take-aways



 There is unprecedented global support for nuclear energy - life extensions and refurbishments as well as newbuild of existing and new technologies

 Drivers are a growing recognition that nuclear energy is a necessary component of a decarbonised energy system and a desire to ensure energy security

- Common theme is the central role of government in leading and driving developments
- Australia is in a broader region that is going nuclear
- Nuclear energy is not an overnight proposition having all low carbon options available means starting now